

promptly at the appointed time the Gaiety Exhibition was formally opened. It is needless to say formally opened—because the Exhibition had been open for some time.

is even now far from complete, yet the formality about it was a royal procession. The first of April, which, starting from the Invalides, marched through the crowds of people to the Champs de Mars and, after a short halt within the Exhibition grounds amid the debris, rubbish and some of the more notable painted parts, returned. It was not considered prudent for the President of the Exposition, Napoleon, a lad just turned of twenty, to accompany the party, because the boy was suffering for some time with a cold.

high, and a ride and walk of two hours might ruffle his temper and cause his usual trouble. The French journals of the day published that the Emperor and Empress were in good humor during the whole ceremony.

There is no fault of American exhibitors to the United States department is so much to be pardoned. Where the blame lies I cannot say. The verdict of a great number of our countrymen is that the chief commissioner is to be held responsible. Many and bitter are the criticisms on his management.

to the common enemy and over are  
plaints against him. He, in turn, re-  
blame upon the poor arrangements of  
Imperial Commission and upon our Gov-  
ernment for not appropriating more money.  
One thinks it a duty to be vexed on ac-  
count of this seemingly unnecessary tardiness,  
to bear in mind the old Latin maxim,  
*odio tutissimus ibis*, and distribute his  
satirical observations all around. That the arrange-  
ments of the Imperial Commission are stupid  
and designed to extort as many francs as  
possible from every one who breathes

But even one who has the misfortune to be in Paris at this time, is beyond the shadow of a doubt. It is true, also, I doubt not, a most original appropriation by Congress was made. But should any one say that the United States might have been more adequately represented, I could not deny the sacrifice. Still, I would not go as far as many Americans; I would not demand his resignation, nor petition home authorities for his removal, which to be understood at this point. No generalizations have been taken, so far as I am aware, and I am sure that the committee will be able to present a more complete picture of the situation.

For his removal, but occasional indignations have been heeld and many a cut has been hurled at his devoted head.

Those who have required assistance in preparing articles for exhibition, have been misled in the extreme by the French workmen. The strike of these natives retarded progress materially, and after they commenced labor again they were ineffably indifferent to threats, punishments, working when they felt like it, and sleeping when they took the notion. One American who was in haste to get his machine

What was his surprise and indignation when he coolly began to play at checkers a short time spent in lazily bungling about the machine! Another, profiting by what he had seen, went to work himself, but searched vain for a hammer, a wrench, or a hand-screw. He was in place to state that the tools of the mechanic appear to us exceedingly clumsy and inconvenient, while a good old-fashioned hammer or a carpenter's saw seem to be unknown in France. Just here let me mention, as

ance of the exacting disposition of the  
Al Commission and to illustrate the  
ness of some French machines, that the  
which it is decreed must be the one  
department is a clumsy, noisy and pow-  
power affair, while the beautiful, noiseless  
American Corliss engine, situated  
ight beside it, must be idle.

Before stated, the Exposition lacks much  
information, but enough is ready to war-  
in saying that when quite finished it v

little world of interest and beauty. I  
can, then, go inside the palace, as I  
did, forgetting his hotel bill and the in-  
calculable unnecessary and extortionate  
which he has suffered or must encounter, he c  
may imagine himself in the abode of fair  
founded as he is by a wilderness of beau-  
tiful kinds of products and manufactures of  
various nations will be artistically display  
that time it will be well worth while to vi-  
sion in spite of the inevitable congestion wh  
to seize the visitor's bank account. No o

That length of time would be insufficient to obtain a cursory glance. A week would not justify this mammoth fair, and one could not spend himself an indefinite number of months in spending the whole time in admiring what was displayed. The day when the last picture of the history stroke shall be made and the last touch of paint applied is in the uncertain future. But let those who wish to see the Exposition Universelle in all its glory delay come until the first of June. On other accounts

will be unusually interesting to visit at this time. With an eye to the desires of the world without expected, and perhaps to the normal revenue of the city, the Emperor decreed that from the first of April to the first of November, all the palaces shall be open to the public under certain regulations. This is a special privilege, because most of the palaces are inaccessible at other times only when invited, and many of the museums locked with a great roll of red tape.

the Exhibition Palace. The great building has three roofs, two of glass, so that there is plenty of light. The general plan of the building is elliptical. Inside, the goods are displayed in concentric elliptical galleries, respectively for history of work, works of fine art, materials required for art, movable articles of furniture kind, articles of clothing, materials for manufactures and the gallery of machinery. The inside of the covered promenade extends around the outside of the building is occupied by restaurants where

man may die. The Palace is distributed in slices, cut from the centre outside. France and her colonies occupy half, commencing on the left of the principal entrance. Then come in order of alliance: Holland, Belgium, Prussia, German States, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Italy, Rome, Roman States, Turkey, Egypt, China, Siam, Japan, Persia, United States, South and Central America, Great Britain and Colonies. What the arrangement

the grounds outside will be I cannot say which will be re-arranged from the original plans, and even if I could tell it could not be understood in relation to the building. It is sufficient to mention that each nation will have a plot of land to lay out in gardens or orchards to build other houses.

Let me conclude by adding, in the way of advice to those intending to make a pilgrimage to this Mecca during the year—it will be a privilege in many respects—bring more than you think you can possibly use.

—don't wear your old clothes thinking new ones cheap. ALFRED

**A Sad Case.**

George Alfred Townsend, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, in describing the passengers in a lifeboat across the Atlantic, says:

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ugh a South Carolinian, were all for  
ernment; but his wealthy wife Influ  
gave up his commission, then to rebell  
in, and like a lost energy wandered to  
in Charleston, full of dark premonition  
success of the great government he  
ayed. When the fire was opened up  
apter, he strolled in the same abstracted  
of Moultrie, and looked at the gun  
ing iron into the faithful old cas  
was no enthusiasm in his reg  
t morning when the flag of Fort Sum  
a stroke of paralysis fell upon Comm  
Marstein, God spared him the work

When Gen. Butler raised his command from Ship Island and New Orleans, and General Canby was commissioned as Colonel of

the day of Algiers has again married. I  
for the fair, says Quilp.—*Boston Post.*



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